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SUBJECT: PRESS QUERIES ON WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON US/GDR RELATIONS

1. PA AND NBC IN WEST BERLIN AND UPI IN BONN ARE PRESSING EMBASSY FOR CONFIRMATION OF A MAY 24 ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST ALLEGING MOVEMENT FORWARD IN US-GDR RELATIONS. RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, WE ARE SAYING THAT NEW IREX AGREEMENT IS ONLY CONCRETE STEP THUS FAR, THAT REMAINING QUESTIONS FOR INSTANCE, CONSULAR CONVENTION, HAVE BEEN UNDE R DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME, THAT AIDE-MEMOIRE HANDED CHARGE BY GDR FM SUMMARIZES SOME OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES BUT DOES NOT REPRESENT FORWARD MOVEMENT AND IS BEING STUDIED IN WASHINGTON AND IN EMBASSY.

2. ALL QUERIES CITE FIGURE OF 60 HUMANITARIAN CASES, TO WHICH WE ARE RESPONDING THAT SINCE EARLY 1975, ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, WITHOUT GOING INTO SPECIFIC FIGURES. WE ARE ALSO SAY- ING THAT GDR IS NEITHER DRAGGING ITS HEELS NOR ACCELERATING RESOLUTIO N IN HUMANITARIAN CASES BUT PROCEEDING WITH DELIBERATE SPEED.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED PROVIDE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE BY OOB MAY 25 SINCE WE HAVE AGREED TO TALK WITH AP WEST BERLIN CORRESPONDENT  
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THAT FAY. AGENCY REQUESTED TRANSMIT WP ARTICLE ON WIRELESS FILE.

4.AGENCY ALSO REQUESTED TRASNMIT PRESIDENT CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH ON WF. GDR AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS EXPRESSING CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.  
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